



Central MS CoC Membership Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 15, 2022

TIME: 10:30 am

FACILITATOR: Melvin Stamps

Roll Call

Members participated in roll call via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for October's membership meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker

Mac Epps, Mississippi Move — Melvin Stamps introduced Mr. Epps. Mac Epps explained that MS Move operates through sharing history, advocating, and taking direct action. They've hosted the "Sleep Out" and supported local shelters. They work to help by addressing immediate, short-term, and long-term goals and developing a legacy plan. They operate under the "together we can heal our community" mentality. Every year, they host a human resource day for the homeless population. MS Move can be contacted at msmove.org or 662-205-6683. MS Move serves the whole state of Mississippi, focusing on underserved communities. They have a small team, but they collaborate with other organizations to increase their capacity. Melvin Stamps requested that MS Move participate in the upcoming PIT Count and encouraged them to become a member of the CoC.

Updates from Standing Committees

Data & HMIS — Mary Elbert explained that they meet on the 3rd Monday of every month after the PIT Count subcommittee meets. The committee will meet on December 19th to discuss the Data Quality Management Plan. This Plan will need to be approved by the Board, then the membership. Contact Mary Elbert at melbert@centralmscoc.org to join the committee or ask any questions.

HUD Match Documentation Requirements

Melvin Stamps emphasized the importance of match documentation. Match documentation is required before a grant can be executed, and the Collaborative Applicant must review and verify match documentation prior to an organization applying for CoC funding.

COVID Update & Impact

Melvin Stamps noted that COVID, flu, and other diseases are active right now. He encouraged everyone to follow CDC guidance, including vaccination and proper safety protocols. Maria Morris encouraged everyone to get their updated COVID boosters and other vaccines. All vaccines are free for those who have Medicare starting January 1, 2023.



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FY2022 CoC Competition Application Submission

Melvin Stamps noted that the application was submitted on September 29th which included 9 ranked applications and the planning grant application. The total amount requested was \$1,860,142. The awards announcement is expected during the first quarter of 2023.

Navigate Housing Partners - Navigate Gives Back

A grant application was submitted for \$100,000, however, the CoC was not selected for funding. Mississippi Housing Partnership was awarded \$100,000. Chave Johnson explained that the grant will provide rental and utility assistance and temporary shelter; they are still finalizing the plans.

Fundraising Activity

Michelle Shelton provided an update on the Krispy Kreme fundraiser. Everyone was encouraged to purchase doughnuts or tell others about the fundraiser. Maria Morris noted that the certificates are redeemable in most states and they don't expire.

Unite Us Mississippi Launch Date

Melvin Stamps reminded the membership that Unite Mississippi launched on October 26, 2022. Organizations that have signed up are now able to make and receive referrals. If you need assistance in account activation or training, please contact Rosa Potts.

2022 HMIS Fees

Mary Elbert informed the membership that invoices were sent out. Invoices that needed revisions will be sent out next week. If anyone has questions or needs revisions to their invoice, they can contact Mary Elbert at melbert@centralmscoc.org. Questions from members were answered. Melvin Stamps confirmed that Mississippi Home Corporation is reviewing the invoices for those who have grants through them and will make the necessary adjustments to the grants to cover the HMIS fees.

CoC Board Elections

A motion was made and approved to allow a Domestic Violence category to be added to the ballot for nominees to be added under the category. The link to the electronic ballot was shared in the chat. The membership and nominees were invited to ask questions or make comments. Some nominees shared more about themselves and their experience. The votes were tallied and here are the results of the election: Margaret Johnson, Voice of Calvary Ministries; Freddric Brandon, City of Jackson; Barbara Lawrence, Advocate; Tabatha Mayes, Formerly Homeless; James L. Henley, Jr, Fresh Start Ministries; Dr. Phyllis Rhodes, New Way Mississippi; Hynethia Richard, Community Bank; Maya Thompson, UMMC; Sergeant Fredrick Suttles, Jackson Police Department; R. Chantel Maye, Jackson VA Medical Center; Aleicha Carter, Carter's Compassionate Transitional and Supportive Housing.



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HMIS Admin Report

Mary Elbert gave a report on the status of the HMIS and upcoming goals for 2023. She provided updates on HMIS invoices, bed inventory, password and security set-up, and data quality reports. The Data and HMIS Committee and HMIS Lead will begin hosting monthly Office Hours. The first office hours are scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 10:00 am. The subject is Data Quality Reports and there will be extensive training on how to pull the reports and how to correct the errors presented on the report. More details will be provided.

Coordinated Entry Report

Shalisa Gaines informed the membership that Cynthia Young and Shainelle Richardson are the new Coordinated Entry case managers. She shared their experience and goals, including the no wrong door approach, identifying the correct housing options, reducing the length of time homeless, identifying gaps in services, and simplifying access, monitoring results, and increasing efficiency.

Planning Director's Report

The report will be shared via email. The PD shared information on the performance of the CoC for the reporting period of 10/2021 - 09/2022. The number of households served during that period was 1,842 which included 2,319 people. The PD report that will be shared via email will include specific statistics on the performance of the CoC. It will also be posted on the CoC's website and included in the next newsletter. Melvin Stamps noted the progress that has been made and the areas that need improvement.

Treasurer's Report

The report will be shared via email.

Reflections from Collaborative Applicant

The Collaborative Applicant expressed gratitude for the CoC entrusting Mississippi Housing Partnership with the responsibilities of the Collaborative Applicant. He expressed his appreciation for staff, the Navigate grant which will support our goals, member organizations, and Maria Morris' leadership.

Announcements

Jan Hillegas informed the members of a rental registration event; the email will be shared after the meeting. Barrie Carpenter announced that she will be retiring on 12/30/2022 and the new contact person's information will be shared. She explained that those who are approved should continue sending in referrals for identifying those who may qualify for SSI benefits. Maria Morris informed the membership that New Jerusalem would be hosting a Christmas Eve event in the park which will include food and gifts. The event will start at 11 am. Jan Hillegas noted that she contacted Alex at the Jackson Redevelopment Authority regarding the old Atmos building in hopes of getting it cleaned up and possibly converted into housing for the homeless.



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Officer elections will take place at the January membership meeting which will be held on the 3rd Thursday of January at 10:30 am.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.